

AUGUST 9, 2016

**CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

**ACTION: To be Approved 08.23.2016**

**7:00 P.M.**

The City Council Regular Session meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Hagan with Councilors Sovick, Drexel, Morrison and Schwartz present along with City Attorney Fogo, City Manager Achen, City Clerk Davidson, Acting City Manager/Community Development Director Westbay, Finance Director Cowan and the press. A Council quorum was present.

**Consideration of Minutes:**

**July 26, 2016, Regular Session Meeting**

Councilor Morrison moved and Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session meeting minutes of July 26, 2016, as presented.

Roll call vote, yes: Sovick, Drexel, Hagan, Morrison, Schwartz. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Pre-Scheduled Citizens:** None.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**2nd Quarter 2016 City Financials.** Finance Director Cowan came forward and addressed Council on the following topics: the 33% General Fund reserves figure differs from the 2015 audit figure because some 2015 projects were not completed in 2015 and the funds were reallocated into 2016; some of those projects include the city manager payout, the comprehensive plan rewrite, the old city shop demo and the three vault toilets that are currently on order; there is approximately \$230,000 remaining out of the budgeted \$500,000 funds for Strategic Plan projects implementation; to address speeding concerns on the highways, the purchase of a speed/message trailer could be made out of those remaining funds; sales tax revenue is trending up over 8.3% year-to-date over last year; and attorney fees costs are trending slightly over projections. A short discussion ensued and consensus was for Council to discuss possible Strategic Plan funds at next week's work session meeting. Council thanked Director Cowan for a thorough report.

**Letter of Support for WSCU EDA Power Grant Application.**

Councilor Schwartz moved and Councilor Morrison seconded the motion to approve the Letter of Support for the WSCU EDA Power Grant Application and to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter.

Roll call vote, yes: Drexel, Hagan, Morrison, Schwartz, Sovick. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Lazy K Cabin Lease.** City Manager Achen stated the lease is essentially the same as the previous lease but it now contains a clause that if the tenant is no longer employed with the University, the tenant will have 30 days to vacate the property. Since the incoming tenant has two dogs, the security deposit was increased as well. The new tenant is the swim coach at WSCU and will be here next week to sign the lease.

Councilor Drexel moved and Councilor Sovick seconded the motion to approve the Lazy K Cabin Lease as presented.

Roll call vote, yes: Hagan, Morrison, Schwartz, Sovick, Drexel. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Resolutions and Ordinances:** None.

**Reports:**

**City Attorney Kathleen Fogo:** no report.

**City Manager Mark Achen:** stated he is down the last three weeks. He continues to work with the Public Works supervisors especially on the upcoming 2017 budget development.

**Acting City Manager CD Director Steve Westbay:** no report.

**City Clerk Gail Davidson:** informed Council the Retail Marijuana Store License Application from Frozen Smoke, LLC has been pulled by the applicant. She was unable to get license approval from the State Marijuana Enforcement Division and therefore will receive, per our City Ordinance, a refund of the license fee from the City. The application fee is not refundable.

**Western State Colorado University Student Liaison:** absent until fall semester.

**Non-Scheduled Citizens:** None.

**City Council Discussion, Meeting Reports, Items for Work Session:**

**Mayor Hagan:** reported he attended the Mayors/Managers meeting and CBMR gave an informative program on their trends for the last few years. DOLA Representative Elyse Akerman was in attendance as well and there was a discussion on the County's Compressed Natural Gas Project. Mayor Hagan stated he also met with the DOLA representatives who were in Gunnison on Monday afternoon and they toured the Lazy K property to familiarize the representatives in light of future grant applications for that property. The Mayor met with Russ Forrest this morning and he met Marv Weidner, the consultant for "Managing Results". They discussed the City's upcoming budget and strategic planning process. Lastly, he and Leia presented the Council letter to the Police Department this afternoon.

**Councilor Morrison:** reported she attended the Tourism Association meeting and they are developing the 2017 budget.

**Councilor Schwartz:** reported he attended the Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday two weeks ago and Steve presented an overview of the Complete Streets Project and the TAP grants process to the Commission.

**Councilor Sovick:** informed Council he attended the Gunnison Trails Commission meeting last night. The Trails Commission discussed the following: trails connectivity; Green Lake road easement issues; the BLM is installing a new pit toilet at Hartman Rocks; visibility issues on the trails under the highway bridge underpass and possible solutions; possible restructuring of the Commission; and the need for a Trails Strategic Plan to prioritize trails. A discussion on the City's Non-Motorized Transportation Plan that includes City trails prioritization ensued. It was agreed to place an update of the Plan on an upcoming work session agenda and to possibly conduct a field tour of those trails as well. Councilor Schwartz suggested Council also discuss valley-wide trails prioritization. Councilor Sovick then asked if the results of the citizen input from CityFest was available. Finance Director Cowan stated it would be available in the next day or two.

**Councilor Drexel:** asked about the status of the trail box culvert underpass east of the City. Director Westbay reported the CenturyLink cable splice had finally been completed and the trail easement agreements were being finalized. In addition, electricity has been run to the sump pump in the culvert and that should help drain out the culvert. Mayor Hagan asked that the fence in that area be checked since some of the fencing is coming down. Councilor Drexel then reported in the CDOT Newsletter, the \$18 million Blue Canyon Highway 50 Project was discussed. In good news, business loan inquiries from 2 Gunnison businesses were received by Region 10. One of those inquiries was for a manufacturing business.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Hagan called for any further discussion from Council, Staff or the public, and hearing none, adjourned the Regular Session meeting at 7:55 P.M.

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Mayor

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City Clerk